UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PROGRESSIVE NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

ANSWER

V.

Civil Action No. 07cv4033 (CLB)

DANIEL BELTEMPO, FRANCINE BELTEMPO, PAMJAM, INC., JILCO EQUIPMENT LEASING COMPANY, INC., DANA'S PRO TRUCKING, INC., TRAILMOBILE CORP., TRAILMOBILE PARTS AND SERVICE CORP., THERMO KING CORP., INGERSOLL-RAND CO., LTD. and THERMO KING CORP., A UNIT OF INGERSOLL-RAND COMPANY LTD.,

Defendants.

Defendant Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. by its attorneys, Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak LLP, for its answer to plaintiff Progressive Northern Insurance Company's Complaint for Declaratory Judgment, alleges upon information and belief:

- 1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 1.
- 2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 2.
- 3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 3.
- 4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 4.

- 5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 5.
- 6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 6.
- 7. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 7.
 - 8. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 8.
 - 9. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 9.
- 10. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 10.
- 11. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 11.
- 12. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 12.
- 13. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 13.
- 14. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 14.
- 15. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 15.
- 16. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 16.

- 17. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 17.
- 18. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 18.
- 19. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 19.
 - 20. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 20.
- 21. Refers to the policy alleged for its contents and deny any allegations inconsistent therewith, states that the allegations contained in paragraph 21 referring to the force and effect of the policy constitute legal conclusions to which no admission or denial is required, and otherwise denies information or knowledge sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 21.
- 22. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 22.
 - 23. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 23.
 - 24. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 24.
 - 25. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 25.
 - 26. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 26.
 - 27. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 27.
- 28. Refers to the third-party complaint for its contents and deny any allegations inconsistent therewith, and otherwise denies information or knowledge sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 28.

- 29. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 29.
 - 30. Admits the allegations contained in paragraph 30.
- 31. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 31.
 - 32. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 32.
 - 33. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 33.
 - 34. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 34.
 - 35. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 35.
 - 36. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 36.
 - 37. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 37.
 - 38. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 38.
 - 39. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 39.
 - 40. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 40.
 - 41. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 41.
 - 42. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 42.
 - 43. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 43.
 - 44. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 44.
 - 45. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 45.
 - 46. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 46.
- 47. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 47.
 - 48. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph 48.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

49. Plaintiff's complaint fails to state a cognizable cause of action.

FIRST COUNTERCLAIM

- 50. Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. repeats and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 49.
- 51. Progressive Northern Insurance ("Progressive") issued a truckers liability policy to PamJam, Inc. ("PamJam"), Policy No. 02121657 (the "Progressive Policy"), and has acknowledged that Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. qualifies as an additional insured under the policy, but has nonetheless erroneously denied coverage to Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. thereunder.
- 52. Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. is an insured or an additional insured under the Progressive policy.
- 53. Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. provided timely notice to Progressive of the occurrence, the underlying <u>Beltempo</u> lawsuit referenced in the complaint, and its claim for coverage under the Progressive policy.
- 54. Progressive's disclaimer of coverage and refusal to defend and indemnify Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. in connection with the <u>Beltempo</u> suit constitutes a material breach of the Progressive policy and has damaged Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc.
- 55. Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. is entitled as a matter of law to a defense under the Progressive policy issued to PamJam, Inc. and to indemnification for any verdict or judgment rendered against it in the underlying action.
- 56. Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. is entitled to and demands an order declaring that Progressive owes it a complete defense and indemnification to the underlying action as an insured under the Progressive policy.

SECOND COUNTERCLAIM

- 57. Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. repeats and re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 56.
- 58. Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. is entitled to a judgment against Progressive under the Progressive policy for those amounts incurred by it or its behalf for its defense and liability in connection with the <u>Beltempo</u> suit.

WHEREFORE, Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. demands judgment: (1) dismissing the complaint against it in its entirety with prejudice; (2) granting the relief requested in the counterclaim and declaring that Progressive owes Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. a complete defense and indemnification to the underlying action as an insured under the Progressive policy; and (3) ordering such other relief in favor of Dana's Pro Trucking, Inc. as the Court finds appropriate and just.

Dated: May 29, 2007

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 29, 2007 I electronically filed the foregoing Answer with the Clerk of the District Court using the CM/ECF system. And, I hereby certify that I have mailed same by the United States Postal Service to the following:

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